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C¹ moving the indicator along the viewing panel to the second display; and scrolling the second display, which contemporaneously displays a second [group] plurality of the items of information, until a second item of the second [group] plurality of the items of electronic information appears within the viewing panel and is associated with the indicator, so that the indicator provides an indication of the selection of the second item.

C² 4/ 38. (Once Amended) The method of Claim 36, wherein the viewing panel displays one item of each of the first [group and the second group] and second plurality of the items of electronic information.

16/ 48. (Twice Amended) A method for retrieving and displaying electronic information comprising category items and information items, the category items presented within a category display and the information items presented within an information display, comprising the steps of:

C³ scrolling the category display until a first category item appears within a viewing panel extending in a fixed position along and defining only a portion of the category display and only a portion of the information display, the category display operable to contemporaneously display more than one of the category items and being scrollable when an indicator movable along the viewing panel is positioned proximate to the category display;

moving the indicator along the viewing panel from the category display to a position on the viewing panel proximate to the information display;

scrolling the information display that corresponds to the first category, wherein the information display comprises a selection of the information items and the information display is scrolled until a first information item appears within the viewing panel, the information display operable to contemporaneously display more than one of the information items and being scrollable when the indicator is positioned proximate to the information display,

wherein the first category item and the first information item are presented within the viewing panel.

22/ 53. (Twice Amended) A system for displaying items of electronic information, comprising:

C⁴ a category display for contemporaneously displaying a plurality of category tiles representing categories of the items of electronic information in response to scrolling the category tiles;

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an information display for contemporaneously displaying a plurality of information tiles representing the items of electronic information in response to scrolling the information tiles, wherein each of the items of electronic information is associated with at least one of the categories; and

a viewing panel extending along only a portion of each of the category display and the information display for displaying one each of the category tiles and information tiles; and

C⁴ an indicator, movable only along the viewing panel, operative to provide an indication of the selection of one of the category tiles displayed within the viewing panel when the indicator is positioned proximate to the category display, the indicator further operative to provide an indication of the selection of one of the information tiles when the indicator is positioned proximate to the information display.

wherein the information display, responsive to one of the category tiles representing a selected category appearing within the viewing panel, displays at least one of the information tiles representing an available one of the items of electronic information associated with the selected category,

wherein the category display is scrollable when the indicator is positioned proximate to the category display and the information display is scrollable when the indicator is moved from a position proximate to the category display to a position proximate to the information display.

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59. (Once Amended) A method for retrieving and displaying electronic information comprising category items and information items, the category items presented within a category display and the information items presented within an information display, comprising the steps of:

C⁵ scrolling the category display until a first category item appears within a viewing panel extending in a fixed position along and defining only a portion of the category display and only a portion of the information display, the category display operable to contemporaneously display more than one of the category items and being scrollable only while an indicator movable along the viewing panel is positioned proximate to the category display;

moving the indicator along the viewing panel from a position proximate to the category display to a position proximate to the information display, which is operable to contemporaneously display more than one of the information items;

scrolling the information display until a first information item appears within the viewing panel while the indicator is positioned proximate to the information display, the first information item corresponding to the category for the first category item,

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C5 wherein the viewing panel displays the first category item and the first information item and the indicator provides an indication of each direction that the category display is scrollable when the indicator is positioned proximate to the category display and an indication of each direction that the information display is scrollable when the indicator is positioned proximate to the information display.

RECORD OF TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW

The Applicants and Applicants' attorney wish to thank the Examiner for his comments and courtesy during the telephonic interview with the undersigned attorney on April 14, 1999. The Examiner contacted the undersigned attorney to discuss proposed amendments of certain independent claims to distinguish the recited invention from U.S. Patent No. 5,828,420 to Marshall et al. Specifically, the Examiner proposed amendments to independent Claims 36, 48, 53, and 59. Although no final decision was reached by the parties regarding the proposed amendments during the telephonic interview, the present response presents claim amendments similar in scope to those proposed by the Examiner.

The following discussion is intended to constitute a complete and proper recordation of this telephonic interview in accordance with MPEP 713.04. If for any reason the foregoing record is not considered complete or accurate, the Examiner is respectfully requested to bring any inaccuracies or incompleteness to the attention of the undersigned attorney.

NOTICE OF CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS CHANGE

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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in light of the above amendments to the application and in view of the following remarks. Claims 36-67 remain pending after entry of the preceding amendment. Independent Claims 36, 48, 53 and 59 and